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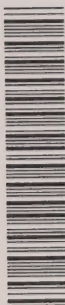
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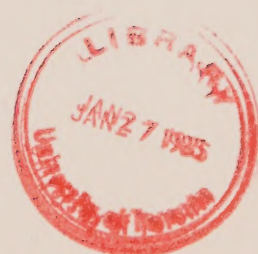
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Office of the Registrar General

for the year ending December 31, 1984



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July 17, 1985

The Honourable
John Black Aird, O.C., Q.C., B.A., LL.D.
Lieutenant Governor of the
Province of Ontario

May it please your Honour:

I have the privilege of presenting, for the information of your Honour and the Legislative Assembly, the Annual Report of the Registrar General, relating to the Registration of Births, Marriages, Deaths, Still-births, Adoptions, Divorces and Changes of Name in the Province of Ontario, for the year ending December 31, 1984.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Winter", written in a cursive style.

Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations
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July 9, 1985

The Honourable Monte Kwinter
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Commercial Relations and
Registrar General
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Dear Sir:

I have the honour to submit for your approval the Annual Report made in conformity with and under the provisions of the Vital Statistics Act for the year ending December 31st, 1984.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Rosemarie E. Drapkin

Deputy Registrar General

ANNUAL REPORT

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

The annual report of the Office of the Registrar General has been prepared to inform Ontario citizens about the number of births, marriages, deaths, still-births, adoptions, divorces and name changes registered during the past calendar year in accordance with the office's reporting responsibilities under Section 3, subsection 5 of the Vital Statistics Act.

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

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SUMMARY OF REGISTRATION SERVICES

By statute, the Office of the Registrar General administers the Vital Statistics Act and the Marriage Act. It also performs major statutory and statistical functions in the public service, as well as providing statistical data on births, deaths, marriages, stillbirths, adoptions, divorces and name changes to authorized agencies.

VOLUME OF REGISTRATIONS

An increase in the number of total registrations has been noted in 1984.

Table No. 1 indicates the number of registrations received from January 1 to December 31, 1984. Some overlap always exists due to the arrival of returns occurring late in the previous year for registration in the current year.

Also, some returns will be forwarded in the new year and counted in the current year's returns due to the number of statutory holidays in December.

TABLE NO. 1

	Returns Received in 1984	Returns Received in 1983	Returns Received in 1982
Births	133,612	129,547	124,605
Deaths	66,004	67,301	60,501
Stillbirths	906	1,077	872
Marriages	72,906	70,633	68,730
TOTALS	273,428	268,558	254,708

TABLE NO. 1A

Comparative Birth, Death and Marriage Figures

1957-1983

<u>Year</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
1957	150,920	49,164	46,780
1958	152,637	48,677	46,894
1959	157,124	50,600	46,598
1960	159,245	51,484	45,855
1961	157,663	50,997	44,434
1962	156,053	52,156	44,454
1963	155,089	53,617	45,306
1964	152,729	52,704	48,501
1965	141,160	54,346	51,274
1966	131,942	54,171	54,571
1967	127,509	54,878	58,377
1968	126,257	55,552	62,109
1969	130,398	55,707	67,150
1970	134,724	56,769	68,880
1971	130,395	56,623	69,590
1972	125,060	58,905	72,278
1973	123,776	59,876	72,371
1974	124,173	60,529	72,716
1975	125,701	60,550	72,208
1976	122,656	60,684	69,364
1977	122,758	61,356	67,730
1978	120,964	61,116	67,491
1979	121,655	61,468	67,980
1980	123,316	62,675	68,840
1981	125,370	64,253	71,413
1982	128,177	65,133	72,800
1983	129,281	64,936	70,958

SEARCHES, PHOTOSTATS AND XEROX PRINTS

All applications for a registration require a search to locate the record. The fee for any certificate covers a search for a five-year period, if necessary. All applications are given a five-year search before a "no record" letter is issued. Approximately 20 per cent of all registrations, require a search of more than one year.

Last year the public requested, by mail or in person, approximately 480,000 certificates. In addition, 2484 verifications were made for other government departments and authorized agencies.

The Chief Coroner's Office was supplied with approximately 33,000 photocopies of current death registrations which had involved a coroner. An additional 105,041 photostat prints were required for this office, other jurisdictions, cancer research, statistics, corrections, amendments and related uses.

CERTIFICATES

There was an increase of 14.5% in the number of certificates issued over 1983, as 470,058 certificates, certified copies, "no record" letters, and genealogical statements were prepared.

The number of birth certificates issued for children under 5 years of age totalled 113,433 or 24.1% of birth certificates issued. In the 16 to 21 age bracket, the total was 119,566 or 25.4%. For those 18 years of age the total was 7694 or 1.6% of all birth certificates issued.

Of the 25,963 death certificates issued, 14,528 or 55.6% related to deaths occurring in 1984 and 5,168 or 19.9% related to deaths in 1983. Only 6270 certificates or 24.1% of the total were issued for deaths in the years between 1869 and 1982.

23,308 of the 50,889 marriage certificates issued or 45.8% related to marriages solemnized in the last ten years.

See Table No. 2 (next page)

REVENUE

The revenue collected by the Office of the Registrar General between January and December 1984 was \$3,423,700. Included is the revenue from searches and certificates at \$2,341,400 an increase of 9.5% over 1983.

TABLE NO. 2 - Certificates Issued

	IN 1984	%	IN 1983	%	IN 1982	%
	INCREASE		INCREASE		INCREASE	
Births	319,605	14.4	279,467	0.2	279,043	-1.1
Deaths	25,963	0.6	25,793	-12.3	29,411	-3.0
Marriages	50,889	37.8	36,908	31.7	28,021	-1.9
Certified Copies	66,393	32.1	50,245	5.8	47,480	5.0
No-Record Letters	9,517	- 1.7	9,678	-2.8	9,954	1.0
Genealogy	9,692	14.8	8,439	4.9	8,045	-12.1
	482,059	17.4	410,532	2.1	401,954	- 0.8

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

No serious problems relating to the registration of births, deaths and marriages occurred during the past year. Division Registrars generally adhered to the requirement that they submit weekly returns. Occasional problems, especially in small or remote areas, are usually caused by turnover of staff in municipal offices, funeral directors who are having difficulties obtaining medical statements, clergy who do not forward marriage registrations and parents who fail to register a birth. These relatively few problems are usually quickly resolved by registration and inspection staff.

During 1984 of the approximately 320,000 applications for birth certificates received for years 1869 to date, 0.4 per cent were found to be not registered. Of these approximately 31.3 per cent were for the period 1869 to 1921.

Registration has been more accurate and complete in recent years because parents are more aware of its importance. The parents of each child registered automatically receives a "Notice of Birth Registration" which contains most of the birth particulars they have provided. Parents have the opportunity to correct any errors or make any given name changes within 60 days (free of charge). These notices may also be used to apply for the child's birth certificate. This approach has encouraged parents of nearly half the children born to apply for birth certificates during the year of birth. These early applications have reduced the flood of applications formerly experienced when a child is entering school.

RE-REGISTRATION ON INTERMARRIAGE OF THE PARENTS

The provisions of the Vital Statistics Act make it possible for an unmarried mother who subsequently marries the natural father of her child to re-register the birth of that child. There were approximately 1100 such cases in 1984, (an increase of 29.8%) handled either through the mail or by having the parent visit the office.

DELAYED REGISTRATION

Most of the 1183 applications for delayed registration approved in 1984, pertained to persons born before 1930. A great many applicants apply for delayed registration in order to prove eligibility for the Old Age Pension or Old Age Assistance.

REGISTRATION OF ADOPTION ORDERS

A copy of every adoption order granted by a court in Ontario is forwarded by the registrar of the court to the Office of the Registrar General together with any other information needed under the Vital Statistics Act concerning registration of adoptions. When an order regarding adoption is received by this office, and an application is made by the adopting parents for re-registration of their child, the original registration is removed and sealed and a new registration is filed which contains the particulars of the adopting parents.

During the past year, 3,677 adoption orders were filed and indexed in this office, and of these 385 were in respect to children born in other provinces. Copies of these orders were forwarded to the vital records offices of the provinces concerned. During 1984, 3578 children were re-registered by removing the old registration and completing and substituting a new one bearing the particulars of the adoptive parents.

REGISTRATION OF DIVORCE

Details regarding dissolutions and nullities of marriage are entered in the Registry of the Supreme Court of Canada which has jurisdiction over divorces. Each province no longer has to provide copies of divorces to the province where the marriage occurred. This office receives a copy of the divorce registration for all divorces granted in Ontario and maintains an alphabetical divorce index. During 1984, 21,736 were filed, a decrease of .6% percent over the previous year.

LEGAL CHANGE OF NAME

Since the Change of Name Act came into effect in 1939, it has been illegal in this province for a person to change his or her name except in accordance with this Statute. After receiving notice of a legal change of name the Registrar General must file the notice and, if the change pertains to someone born or married in Ontario, make the necessary amendments to the registration record. This office filed 2,573 such orders in 1984, an increase of 15% over the previous year.

PARENTAGE FILE

A file of parents pursuant to the Children's Law Reform Act, 1977, was instituted on March 31, 1978. There were 9,324 filings during 1984, an increase of 4.3% over 1983.

CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO REGISTRATION

Under the Vital Statistics Act, it is possible to amend or correct a vital record. During the past year under this section 5941 registrations were amended.

As well 401 births were registered by parents' consent to single mothers and commonlaw unions.

HYPHENATED/COMBINED SURNAMES

In 1984, 545 children were registered in the hyphenated/combined surname of the father and the mother, an increase of 16 or 3.0% over 1983.

MICROFILMING AND REPRODUCTIONS

All registrations of births, marriages, deaths and still-births are microfilmed immediately. All indices prepared for these events by data processing are microfilmed annually. All supplementary documents filed at the time of registration or amendment or correction are microfilmed immediately.

In addition, 63,909 photocopies and 18,173 xerox prints required for certified copies and departmental and inter-departmental use, were prepared.

DATA PROCESSING

Our data processing system provides daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual alphabetic indices for births, deaths, marriages, and still-births, and monthly indices for divorces, adoptions, changes of name, parentage, amendments and corrections. All statistical tables required for tentative figures given out from this office are also processed this way. Under agreement, completed statistical and index tapes are supplied to Statistics Canada. Any publications relating to Ontario vital statistics prepared by the federal government utilize data provided by this office.

INSPECTORS

The Office of the Registrar General provides nearly 1,000 Division Registrars throughout the province with one inspector who instructs them and confirms records are maintained in accordance with the requirements of the VSA. This person also advises municipal clerks, funeral directors, hospital administrators, cemetery owners, doctors, clergy, children's aid societies, etc., and as required, assists the general public on the requirements of the VSA. The Office of the Registrar General staff conduct seminars in various cities across Ontario to provide additional assistance to the Division Registrars.

STATISTICAL SECTION

The statistical section is the centre for compiling and issuing statistics. The comprehensive Annual Statistical Report is sent to medical officers of health, division registrars of the larger centres, libraries, universities, the media and township offices. Other statistical data are supplied to various agencies upon request.

The statistical section, in co-operation with the index and micro-film sections, also provides varied types of assistance for special statistical studies. For example, various universities conduct studies on cancer and infant mortality. The assistance includes numerous index searches, data verification and the supply of selected xerox copies.

POPULAR GIVEN NAMES

The Office has been receiving increasing requests for the more popular first names given to children. As a result the Office published a listing of first given names selected 100 times or more. Table No. 3 shows a breakdown for the top 25 boys and girls names chosen in 1984.

TABLE NO. 3
Most Popular Given Names in 1984

<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>	
<u>NAME</u>	<u>TIMES CHOSEN</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TIMES CHOSEN</u>
1. MICHAEL	2,763	JENNIFER	2,262
2. CHRISTOPHER	2,241	ASHLEY	1,752
3. MATTHEW	2,173	AMANDA	1,439
4. DAVID	1,670	SARAH	1,370
5. ANDREW	1,658	JESSICA	1,318
6. RYAN	1,606	MELISSA	1,300
7. ADAM	1,475	STEPHANIE	1,111
8. DANIEL	1,348	NICOLE	946
9. JASON	1,308	LAURA	922
10. JAMES	1,164	MICHELLE	824
11. ROBERT	1,097	LINDSAY	686
12. JOSEPH	993	LISA	636
13. JUSTIN	907	DANIELLE	596
14. JONATHAN	891	HEATHER	582
15. JOSHUA	885	SHANNON	547
16. KEVIN	879	AMY	537
17. JEFFREY	833	ANDREA	529
18. MARK	823	MARIE	512
19. JOHN	803	CHRISTINE	504
20. STEVEN	784	REBECCA	500
21. KYLE	724	ERIN	488
22. ERIC	679	CRYSTAL	480
23. BRIAN	653	CHRISTINA	458
24. WILLIAM	651	MEGAN	455
25. TYLER	645	KATHERINE	442

